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Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 59/299 of 22 June 2005,

Recalling further its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and its subsequent resolutions 57/315 of 18 June 2003, 58/297 of 18 June 2004 and 59/299 on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Logistics Base and the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the award of contracts for procurement,[1] the report of the Secretary-General on the use of the United Nations Logistics Base to provide efficient and economical communications and information technology services, as well as other services, for United Nations peacekeeping and Headquarters clients,[2] the report of the Secretary-General on the cost-benefit analysis on the issue of the transfer of vehicles with high mileage to the United Nations Logistics Base, to other missions and to upcoming United Nations peacekeeping operations,[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

[1] A/60/700 and A/60/711.
[2] A/60/715.
[3] A/60/699.
[4] A/60/787.

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Reiterating the importance of establishing an adequate insurance of assets,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the use of the United Nations Logistics Base to provide efficient and economical communications and information technology services, as well as other services, for United Nations peacekeeping and Headquarters clients, and the report of the Secretary-General on the cost-benefit analysis on the issue of the transfer of refugees with high mileage to the United Nations Logistics Base, to other missions and to upcoming United Nations peacekeeping operations;

3. *Takes note* of the proposals of the Secretary-General for the establishment at the United Nations Logistics Base during the fiscal year 2007/08 of a strategic air operations centre, an aviation quality assurance programme, a central design unit and a geographical information system cell;

4. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[1] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 3 of its resolution 59/296, in which it took note of the proposal to expand the United Nations Logistics Base, and requests the Secretary-General that detailed information on the concept of operations, financial and legal implications and expected benefits that may arise from the expansion be submitted with the budget for 2007/08 to the General Assembly for its decision;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, in the context of the reporting on the Training Delivery Cell, detailed information on the efficiency and effectiveness of all Department of Peacekeeping Operations training programmes to be implemented at the United Nations Logistics Base, drawing a comparison with training programmes provided at other facilities and United Nations offices;

7. *Welcomes* the establishment of a pilot project for the regional aviation safety office at the United Nations Logistics Base, and requests the Secretary-General to provide, to the extent possible, a preliminary assessment on the pilot project in the next presentation of the budget, and notes that if the concept is applicable it will consider proposals to establish regional aviation safety offices for other peacekeeping missions;

8. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to ensure the active participation of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat in the negotiations with the Government of Italy concerning the possible extensions of the facilities at Brindisi;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in future budget submissions, to report on any proposals to extend the facilities in Brindisi;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to analyse how the Logistics Base could be best utilized to provide efficient and economical communications and information technology services, as well as other services for United Nations peacekeeping and Headquarters clients, and to ensure that any related proposals contain full justification and detailed cost-benefit analyses;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 and 60/...;

12. *Reiterates* the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management standard, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Logistics Base and the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the award of contracts for procurement, for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;[1]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

14. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi amounting to 35,478,700 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

Financing of the budget estimates

15. *Decides* that the requirements for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 1,599,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005 to be applied against the resources required for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

(b) The balance of 34,079,500 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

(c) The net estimated staff assessment income of 2,579,300 dollars, comprising the amount of 2,535,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and the increase of 44,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, to be set off against the balance referred to in subparagraph (b) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations;

16. *Also decides* to consider at its sixty-first session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

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[1] A/60/700.